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### **Local First Responders Participate in Active Threat Training**

On Tuesday December 4, 2018, local area first responders attended a joint training session, practicing together for a day they all hope will never come. The collaborative training allowed area first responders the opportunity to practice lifesaving tactics and techniques during high risk, life threatening situations.

First responders from the Winthrop Harbor Police & Fire Departments, Zion Police & Fire Departments, as well as a paramedic from the Beach Park Fire Department learned and practiced Rescue Task Force skill sets at the Westfield Elementary School in Winthrop Harbor.

Rescue Task Force is the cohesive deployment of police and fire personnel during Active Threat situations. The immediate deployment and intervention during Active Threat situations is required to quickly stop the offender's deadly actions and save as many lives as possible as quickly as possible. Once the threat has been eliminated, fire department personnel join forces with police officers to enter into the crisis site and rescue injured victims.

The Rescue Task Force training was attended by thirty (30) first responders from 5 area departments and is just one of many joint training sessions that have and will be held among area departments. Joint training among area departments is vital as they frequently respond to high risk calls in each other's jurisdictions.

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Winthrop Harbor Police Chief Joel Brumlik stated, “training with neighboring agencies is vital to our ability to cooperatively respond to and handle high risk calls and provide enhanced service to our communities. We work together on a regular basis, so training together to build synergy and commonality of techniques is a natural extension of the well established relationships we have.”

Sergeant Alan Lothar, one of the instructors from the Zion Police Department stated, “with the success of this training session, we look forward to conducting more regional training and continue to build the confidence and familiarity we have with the other agencies.”